

NEWSLETTER December 2018

Members and friends,



FOMRE deputation to the Statutory Planning Committee

In our October 2018 newsletter we told you that Moore River Company had applied to the WA Planning Commission for a renewal of the 2014 subdivision approval for their development at Moore River South. FOMRE chose to challenge this. Our reasoning (apart from it being a bad idea): plans from the early 2000s, based on field surveys from the 1990s, should not be revised and approved in the light of the State's current planning policies.

In November both the MRC and FOMRE made deputations to the Statutory Planning Committee (SPC). Following a verbal and video presentation, the committee received FOMRE's written summary of objections. (*Attached* – a good read, or visit <https://guildertonwa.com.au/news-flashes>)

The Result? A decision not to make a decision! In the light of current planning directives the SPC tabled its decision to seek advice from the State Solicitor's Office. FOMRE judged this is a step in the right direction. FOMRE will now maintain a watching brief, consult those adept with the legal planning environment and will inform you of further developments.

Photos

Thanks to a NRM grant FOMRE won last year we were able to charter a helicopter photographic opportunity. Here are several. Some shows woodlands that are within the 'development envelope'. We saw kangaroos and emus too!



Summer 2018/19

The busy season has started at the estuary, despite some very windy times. We hope to see you up here enjoying the place too.

Save the date: The FOMRE AGM will be in March or April but the GCA AGM is on Sunday 27th January at 10am, in the hall. You are welcome to come along and hear what the rest of the community is doing.

And please keep an eye on our website at guildertonwa.com.au for 'everything Guilderton'.

Your committee wishes you a safe and happy holiday time.

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A Reiteration:

It may be useful to revisit the reason why FOMRE continues to advocate for the estuary. You may wish to share this information. Yes, the struggle for good judgment continues. No, the issue has not gone away. FOMRE upholds:

- That common sense and the application of current contemporary planning policies are applied to this unique Western Australian treasure:
 - 100 km north of Perth,
 - appreciated by thousands,
 - fundamental to the Yued nation legacy, and
 - the one estuary on the Swan Coastal Plain that remains close to its natural state.
- The creation of a suburb outside Perth's metropolitan area, in a
 - cul-de-sac,
 - fire prone,
 - employment-absent and
 - infrastructure –free location is extremely unwise.
- Further effort should be exerted to concentrate on protecting this asset for all and future Australians and cease both financial and time wasting of all parties.
- FOMRE maintains that the estuary will be an asset as valued by the people of Perth and its regions as much as they now value King's Park. The sooner the land south of the estuary is brought into public ownership ... the sooner the estuary's future will be assured.'

Upholding the sustainable future of Moore River estuary is easy. If you are interested in becoming a member of FOMRE or wish to renew your membership - join or renew online, or mail us your details.
PO Box 1007 GUILDERTON WA 6041
Annual membership is \$10.00.

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